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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION IN THE UN

REF: DUBLIN 1628

1. WE DISCUSSED KOREAN QUESTION IN THE UN WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY COUNSELOR MCKERNAN (ALL HIGHER RANKING FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS DEALING WITH THIS SUBJECT ARE IN NEW YORK). WE MADE THE TALKING POINTS CONTAINED IN PARA 7 OF REFTEL AND ASKED MCKERNAN TO INFORM FONMIN FITZGERALD OF THE IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO THE IRISH POSITION ON THE KOREAN QUESTION. MCKERNAN AGREED ON IMPORTANCE AND STATED "YOU CAN TAKE IT AS GIVEN THT WE WILL CERTAINLY SUPPORT THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION THE SAME AS LAST YEAR". ADDITIONALLY, HE SAID THAT IRISH FORNMIN FITZGERALD HAS STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF KOREAN ISSUE AND SPECIFICALLY IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING ARMISTICE IN A PRESS BACKGROUNDER JUST PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK.

2. MCKERNAN SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT KNOW PRECISE STATE-OF-PLAY RE UNFRIENDLY RESOLUTION HE WAS SURE IRISH WOULD VOTE AGAINST (NOTE: MFA COUNSELLOR CRAIG, NOW IN NEW YORK, TOLD EMBOFF SEPT 8 THAT GOI HAD DEFINITELY DECIDED TO VOTE AGAINST UNFRIENDLY RESOLUTION. SEE REFTEL.)

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3. MCKERNAN SAID THAT IN ANY EVENT, ON KOREA ISSUE
IRELAND WOULD VOTE WITH MAJORITY OF EC, AND HE WAS SURE
ALL EC MEMBERS WOULD SUPPORT ROK DOWN THE LINE.

4. COMMENT: SINCE IRISH FOREIGN POLICY DECISION-MAKERS
ALL IN NEW YORK, SUGGEST APPROPRIATE USUN MISSION OFFICER
CONTACT POLITICAL DIRECTOR NOEL DORR OR COUNSELLOR
JEREMY CRAIG AT IRISH UN MISSION TO NAIL DOWN GOI DECISION.
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